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Grade: 3 Reading

Date _____

Theme Four Selection: 1

"Nights of the Pufflings"

Read the selection.

Then, answer the following questions.

1. What do the happens right before the pufflings make their first flight?

- a) The children use flashlights to find the pufflings.
- b) The puffins bring fish home to feed their chicks during the summer.
- c) The children release the pufflings.
- d) Cats and dogs eat some of the pufflings.

2. According to the beginning of the story, what happens when the pufflings land at Heimaey Island?

- a) They teach the chicks to fly.
- b) They catch fish for their chicks.
- c) They are picked up by the children.
- d) They return to the same burrows as last year.

3. Why does some of the pufflings crash into village?

- a) They want to see Halla and her friends.
- b) They want to go into the village
- c) They get confused by the village lights
- d) They don't know how to fly.

4. Read this sentence from the selection.

When the pufflings runs down the street, she races after it, grabs it, and **nestles** it in her arms.

Which word is a synonym for nestles?

- a) holds
- b) burrows
- c) breaks
- d) eats

5. On page 22, what does the author mean when he says "These 'clowns of the sea' return to the same burrows year after year?"
- a) The clowns return to their burrows.
 - b) The puffins return to their burrows.
 - c) When the puffins return to their burrows, they are funny.
 - d) The puffins return for the circus.
6. The genre of this selection is
- a) nonfiction
 - b) poem
 - c) fiction
 - d) realistic fiction
7. Which word is an synonym of roaming?
- a) tunnels
 - b) wandering
 - c) helpless
 - d) interested
8. How would you describe the nights of the pufflings?
- a) quiet
 - b) boring
 - c) scary and dangerous
 - d) busy and exciting
9. Which event happened last in the story?
- a) Halla wishes the pufflings goodbye.
 - b) The children rescue the pufflings
 - c) Halla cries when the pufflings leave.
 - d) Halla swims out to the pufflings.

Open-ended Response:

If you were to visit Heimaey Island during the nights of the pufflings, would you enjoy your visit or dislike it? Give at least two examples to support your answer.

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	b	Sequence	R3. B.1.1
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3	c	Inference	R3. A.1.3.1
4	a	Antonyms	R3. A.1.1.2
5	b	Inference	R3. A.1.3.1
6	d	Genre	R3.A.1.6
7	a	Antonyms	R3. A.1.1.2
8	c	Inference	R3. A.1.3.1
9	c	Sequence	R3. B.1.1

Open-ended Rubric

3 Points

Paragraph provides the student's opinion and two reasons why the student would enjoy or dislike their visit during the nights of the pufflings.

2 Points

Paragraph provides the student's opinion and one reason why the student would enjoy or dislike their visit during the nights of the pufflings.

1 Point

Paragraph provides the student's opinion on whether they would enjoy or dislike their visit during the nights of the pufflings. No reasons are given.

0 Points

Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete